

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-22, and 25-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19, 25, and 26 have been amended. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 23, and 24 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-22, and 25-27 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-22, and 25-27.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Vo for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. (EST). During the telephone interview, Examiner Vo indicated that incorporating claims 5 and 6 into independent claim 1, and making similar amendments to independent claims 10 and 19, would place all claims in condition for allowance. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly and respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-22, and 25-27 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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